

Amendments to the Specification

Kindly insert the following before line 18 of page 2:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

Figure 1 shows a three substance system $\text{MgO-Al}_2\text{O}_3\text{-SiO}_2$.

Figure 2 shows a Crucible A that consists of a material according to the invention.

Figure 3 shows a Crucible B that consists of conventional corundum-mullite quality.

Figure 4 shows a Crucible C that consists of MgO + spinel.

Kindly replace paragraph at page 2, lines 18-20 with the following paragraph:

The invention comprises, in its most general embodiment, a product ~~with the features of Claim 1~~ and a mixture ~~according to Claim 4~~.